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1. The Chinese Communist 7 Army Group existed as a military command during the period of "liberation" of the China mainland by the Chinese Communists. When the active fighting ended, however, the headquarters of the 7 Army Group tended to become merged with the headquarters of the Chekiang Military District at Hangchow, with one man as commander of both.¹

2. [] it was generally accepted in Hangchow that the 7 Army Group as such had ceased to exist. Up to that time, however, signs on military installations under the jurisdiction of the Chekiang Military District Headquarters continued to designate those installations as establishments of the 7 Army Group. For example, a military guest house on Laotunglu (4072/0520/6424), a road approximately 100 meters from Hungmenchu (4767/7024/1444) in southwest Hangchow, and a printing plant on Yushengkuanlu (0147/5110/6034/6424) in southeast Hangchow.

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[] bore 7 Army Group signs.

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3. [] the headquarters located at Shangchuangch'iao (0006/2645/2890)² about 200 meters from Kulou (4124/2869) and northeast of Wushan (0702/1472) in Hangchow formally became known exclusively as the Chekiang Military District Headquarters.³

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[] The signs on this headquarters building and on installations such as those mentioned above were changed to the new designation. The commander of the Chekiang Military District was WANG Pi-ch'eng.

[] Comment. There is considerable evidence that in certain areas of

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China the Chinese Communist military command structure no longer includes the army group echelon and that the military district now performs the previous functions of the army group. However, existing evidence concerning the status of East China army groups in general and the 7 Army Group in particular has been scarce and conflicting.

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1. WANG Chien-an (3769/1696/1344), WANG Pi-ch'eng (3769/1801/2052), and CHANG Ai-p'ing (1728/1947/5493) have been reported variously as commander of the 7 Army Group and/or commander of the Chekiang Military District.
2. The telecode for chuang was reported as received. Possibly 5445 was intended.

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the headquarters of the Chekiang Military District was on Nanshan (0589/1472) Road, near Ch'ingpomen (3237/3134/7024) in southwest Hangchow

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